## MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan Amendments Administrative Delegation Action 2009-4 Water/Sewer Service Area Category Change Requests

	- Interagency Notices of Public Hearing:	September 30, 2009
	Published Notice of Public Hearing:	November 13,2009
	Public Hearing:	November 24, 2009
	Public Hearing Record Closed:	December 1, 2009
	DEP Administrative Approval Action:	December 31, 2009
	MDE Review Completed:	

II. BACKGROUND - Authority: Under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 9-501, et seq., the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) has charged the Montgomery County Council, as the governing body for Montgomery County, with adopting and amending a comprehensive plan for the provision of adequate water supply and sewerage systems within the county. As part of the staging element of Montgomery County Ten-Year Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan (CWSP), the Council has designated water and sewer service area categories for all properties within the county. Requests to change the water and/or sewer service area categories designated in the Plan constitute proposed amendments to that plan.

In the adopted CWSP, the County Council has delegated the authority to approve certain amendments to the Plan, including water and sewer category changes, by an administrative process, to the Director of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). To qualify for administrative consideration, these amendments must satisfy the specific requirements of the policies established by the Council as established in the CWSP, Chapter 1, Section V.F. Administrative Delegation.

**Proposed Plan Amendments**: DEP staff considered proposed amendments for approval by the administrative delegation process. The proposed amendments were reviewed by the following agencies, as appropriate: the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), the Maryland - National Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), and the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services - Well and Septic Section (DPS). The amendments were also referred to the County Council-members for their review and concurrence.

III. PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS - Public Hearing Notification: In accordance with State regulations, the County provided a published notice of the administrative hearing at least 10 days prior in a newspaper of general, local circulation. This notice provided a link to the DEP website on which all pertinent documents were placed prior to that date. Also, in accordance with State regulations, DEP notified on November 16, 2009 the appropriate County and State agencies of the public hearing and the staff recommendations for each proposed amendment. DEP also provided a hearing notice to the following: each property owner/applicant, local civic association leaders, attorneys or engineers (as requested by the property owner), and abutting and confronting property owners, as identified by M-NCPPC.

**Public Hearing Testimony and Interagency Recommendations**: November 24, 2009, on behalf of DEP Director Robert Hoyt, DEP planner Alicia Youmans presided over the public hearing on the amendments under consideration for administrative approval. There were no attendees and no written statements were submitted as part of the hearing record.

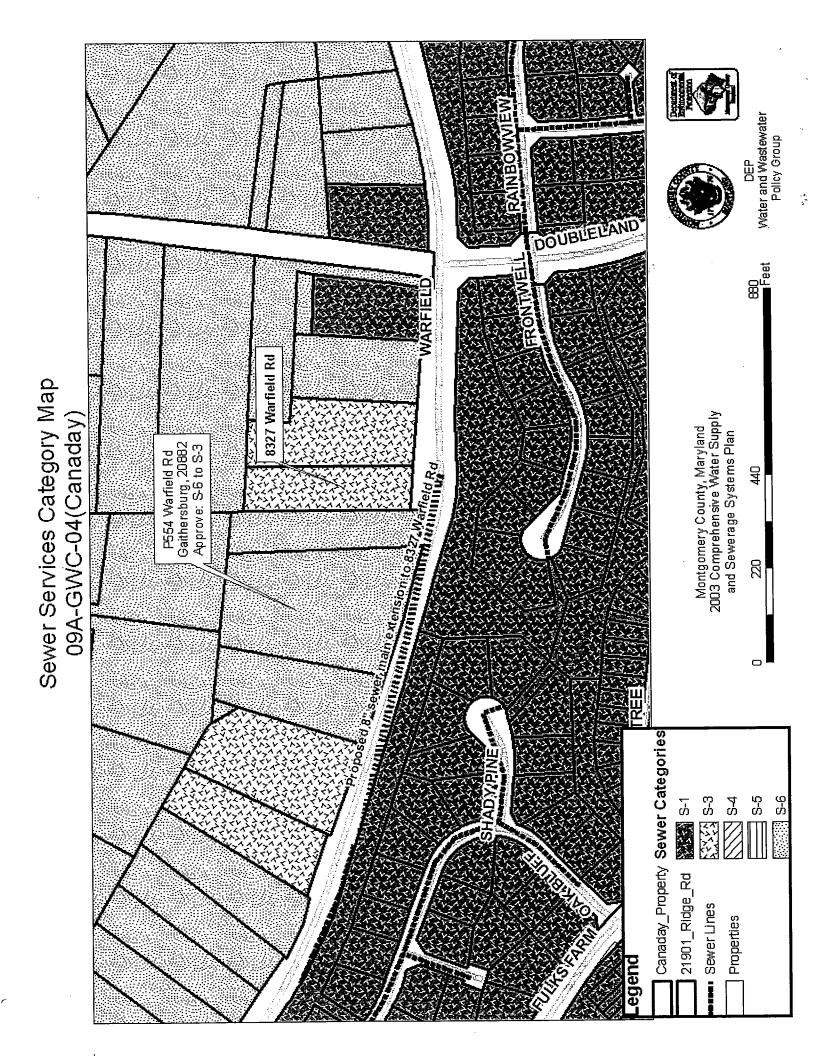
The Planning Board considered M-NCPPC staff recommendations on the category change request at its regular meeting on November 6, 2009. M-NCPPC staff and the Board concurred with the DEP staff recommendations for the category change request 09A-GWC-04. The Planning Board provided a written notice of its action to DEP on November 13, 2009.

County Council did not submit any objections to, or concerns with, the proposed requests prior to the closing of the public record on December 1, 2009.

DEP closed the public hearing record on December 1, 2009, upon receipt of the Council staff notice. Summary information, which includes all interagency recommendations and all testimony for the proposed amendments, is on file with DEP.

IV. DEP ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION - The August 2003 water/sewer category map update of the *Montgomery County Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan* is hereby amended as follows: GOSHEN PLANNING AREA

WSCCR 09A-GWC-04: Canaday		
Property Information and Location Property Development	Applicant's Request: Service Area Categories & Justification	
<ul> <li>Parcel 554 Warfield Rd, Gaithersburg 20882</li> <li>Property ID: 01-00010841</li> <li>Map tile: WSSC – 228NW08; MD – GU123</li> </ul>	Existing – Requested – Service Area Categories W-6 W-6(No change) S-6 S-1	
<ul> <li>Located W of intersection of Doubleland Rd and Warfield Rd</li> <li>Agriculture &amp; Rural Open Space MP</li> </ul>	Action and Policy Justification: Approve S-1. Policy V.F.2.b Abutting Mains Policy.	
<ul> <li>Middle Great Seneca Watershed</li> <li>RE-2 Zone; 2.71 acres</li> <li><u>Existing use</u>: Vacant <u>Proposed use</u>: Residential</li> </ul>	·	



Now therefore be it resolved by the Director of the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection that the amendments described above for inclusion in the County's *Comprehensive Water Supply and Sewerage Systems Plan* are approved. DEP will revise the water and sewer category maps in the County's geographic information system (GIS) database to include these amendments, and they will be shown as part of the next interim or triennial service area map update.

Approved

Robert G. Hoyt, Director

Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection

## V. M-NCPPC DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE UPDATE:

DEP has not identified any current subdivision plans affected by the approvals granted under this administrative delegation action.

VI. NOTIFICATION OF DEP ACTION - DEP will submit notification of the Director's action to MDE for that agency's review. MDE has 90 days to comment on the administrative approvals granted. DEP will also notify each applicant, appropriate county government agencies, and other interested parties of the Director's action. A list of agencies and individuals that will receive a copy of this summary of action follows:

**Distribution: Interagency** 

Jay G. Sakai, Director, Water Mgt. Admin., MDE Michael J. Knapp, Montgomery County Council Nancy M. Floreen, Montgomery County Council Royce Hanson, M-NCPPC/Planning Board Keith Levchenko, Montgomery County Council Gene von Gunten, Department of Permitting Services Gwen Wright, M-NCPPC, County-Wide Planning Division

Cathy Conlon/Richard Weaver, M-NCPPC, Development Review Division

Katherine Nelson, M-NCPPC, County-Wide Planning Division/Environmental Unit

Peg Robinson/Dave Shen, WSSC, Development Services Group

Luis Tapia, WSSC, Service Applications Group Pearl Walker, WSSC, Assessments Group

<u>Distribution: Property Owners Listed Above/Other Interested Parties/Public Interest Groups</u>

Attachments – Amendment Service Area Category Mapping R;\text{programs\text{\text{water} and sewer\text{\text{projects\text{\text{\text{\text{q}}}}}}}